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More Than 350 Pounds of Pharmaceuticals Collected at Pleasanton's DEA Drug Take Back Program

Pleasanton, CA--On Saturday October 26, 2013, the Pleasanton Police Department in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) provided an opportunity for residents to drop off potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

For the fourth year in a row, this event, held at the Pleasanton Police Department, was heavily attended by residents of Pleasanton who dropped off enough prescription medication drugs to fill 16 large boxes. The contents of these boxes weighed in at over 350 pounds.

Prescription drug abuse is a growing epidemic in the United States, notes the National Coalition Against Prescription Drug Abuse, a San Ramon non-profit agency. One way people are getting addicted to dangerous drugs is by raiding the medicine cabinets of their friends and family. This program provides a remedy to discard prescription medications being stored but are no longer needed.

Additionally, the police department was able to collect needles and other sharp objects. This much needed option was made possible through the cooperation and generous donation of hazardous waste containers by Valley Care Medical Center. This option proved invaluable for many residents, some of whom had been storing used needles for years because they had no place to dispose of them.

In addition to the officers, representatives from Mothers with a Purpose were at the event passing out valuable information and offering advice to residents.

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